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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to gun control.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

7 WHEREAS various agencies of the federal government have adopted a pat-
8 tern of regulations and operating procedures which invade the privacy of the
9 individual and violate the constitutional and statutory rights of law-abiding
10 citizens, millions of whom are legitimate firearms owners and hunters; and

11 WHEREAS this pattern constitutes an abuse of governmental power against
12 which our founding fathers sought to protect the individual citizen by the
13 adoption of the United States Constitution and its Bill of Rights, specifi-
14 cally including the Second Amendment which protects the use and possession of
15 arms; and

16 WHEREAS one federal agency, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administra-
17 tion (LEAA) of the Department of Justice, is calling for enactment of uniform
18 state laws for the elimination of private ownership and possession of all
19 handguns, for the imposition of still other and further gun controls on the
20 people of this nation, and for the institution of a national network of
21 recordkeeping on firearms and surveillance on citizens, particularly firearms
22 owners; and

23 WHEREAS another federal agency, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and
24 Firearms of the Department of Treasury, sought to circumvent the decisive
25 rejection by Congress of multiple firearms registration proposals by issuing
26 regulations having the same effect, costing in excess of 100 million dollars
27 to implement, having no effect on armed crime, and ushering in the type of
28 massive system of dossiers on innocent citizens which have proven so detri-
29 mental to civil liberties;

1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature condemns all policies
2 and practices by federal agencies levied against the unalienable, natural,
3 common-law and Constitutional rights of firearms possession, ownership, and
4 use for lawful purposes, including self-preservation and defense, sporting
5 and hunting.

6 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter,
7 President of the United States; the Honorable Walter F. Mondale, Vice-
8 President of the United States; to all members of the President's Cabinet; to
9 the Administrator of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration; the
10 Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; to the Honorable Ted
11 Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and to the Honorable
12 Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
13 congress; and to all other members of the United States Congress.

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